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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location via a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side

the subject-side apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion that transmits for transmitting an ultrasonic echo that is generated from an electroacoustic converting means driven by a transmission pulse, and receives receiving an ultrasonic echo reflected by an inside of the subject;

an image generation portion that generates for generating ultrasonic image data from an ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion;

a cine memory that sequentially stores for sequentially storing the ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion per each frame; and

generated at the image generation portion to via a communication line, and reproduces for reproducing, from the cine memory, the frame that is requested to be retransmitted by the examiner-side apparatus after freezing, and retransmits retransmitting the frame to the examiner-side apparatus via the communication line.

2. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location

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via a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side,

the examiner-side apparatus comprising:

a communication line interface that receives an ultrasonic image data that is transmitted via a communication line, and requests for requesting a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus to retransmit a frame to be reproduced so as to retransmit the frame via the communication line, every time after freezing when moving a pointer that designates for designating the frame to be reproduced from a cine memory that sequentially stores an ultrasonic signal received by an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion of the subject-side apparatus per each frame;

an image formation portion that forms for forming an ultrasonic image using the ultrasonic image data or [[of]] the retransmitted frame; and

- a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.
- 3. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic system in which the remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus according to Claim 1 and a remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus are connected via a communication line, the remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus comprising:

transmitted via a communication line, and requests for requesting a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus to retransmit a frame to be reproduced so as to retransmit the frame via the communication line, every time after freezing when moving a pointer that designates for designating the frame to be reproduced from a cine memory that sequentially stores an ultrasonic signal received by an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion of the subject-side apparatus per each frame;

an image formation portion that forms for forming an ultrasonic image using the ultrasonic image data or [[of]] the retransmitted frame; and

a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.

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4-5. (canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location via a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side,

the subject-side apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion that transmits for transmitting an ultrasonic echo that is generated from an electroacoustic converting means driven by a transmission pulse, and receives receiving an ultrasonic echo reflected by an inside of the subject;

an image generation portion that generates for generating ultrasonic image data from an ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion;

a cine memory that sequentially stores for sequentially storing the ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion per each frame;

a displaying means that reproduces for reproducing, from the cine memory, the frame that is requested to be retransmitted in the subject-side apparatus after freezing, and displaying the frame as an ultrasonic image; and

a communication line interface that transmits the ultrasonic image data generated at the image generation portion to via a communication line, and retransmits for retransmitting the frame that corresponds to the ultrasonic image displayed on the displaying means to the examiner-side apparatus via the communication line.

7. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location

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via a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side,

the examiner-side apparatus comprising:

a communication line interface that receives an image data that is transmitted via a communication line, and receives for receiving a frame that is retransmitted from a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus via the communication line, after freezing;

an image formation portion that forms for forming an ultrasonic image using the ultrasonic image data or [[of]] the retransmitted frame; and

- a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.
- 8. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic system in which the remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus according to Claim 6 and a remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus are connected via a communication line, the remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus comprising:

a communication line interface that receives an image data that is transmitted via a communication line, and receives for receiving a frame that is retransmitted from a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus via the communication line, after freezing;

an image formation portion that forms for forming an ultrasonic image using the ultrasonic image data or [[of]] the retransmitted frame; and

a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.

9-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location via

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a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side,

the subject-side apparatus comprising:

an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion that transmits for transmitting an ultrasonic echo that is generated from an electroacoustic converting means driven by a transmission pulse, and <u>receives receiving</u> an ultrasonic echo by being reflected by an inside of the subject;

an image generation portion that generates for generating ultrasonic image data by performing a filtering process with respect to an ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion;

a cine memory that sequentially stores for-sequentially storing the ultrasonic signal that is received by the ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion per each frame; and

a communication line interface that transmits the ultrasonic image data generated at the image generation portion to via a communication line, and reproduces for reproducing, from the cine memory, the frame that is requested to be retransmitted by the examiner-side apparatus after freezing, and retransmits retransmitting the frame to the examiner-side apparatus via the communication line.

15. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus that is used in a remote ultrasonic diagnostic system, comprising: an examiner-side apparatus by which an examiner performs a diagnosis with respect to a subject in a remote location via a communication line by using an ultrasonic image; and the subject-side apparatus on the subject side,

the examiner-side apparatus comprising:

a communication line interface that receives an image data that is transmitted via a communication line, and requests for requesting a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus to retransmit a frame to be reproduced and retransmits retransmitting the frame via the communication line, every time after freezing when moving a pointer that designates for designating the frame to be reproduced from a cine

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memory that sequentially stores an ultrasonic signal received by an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion of the subject-side apparatus per each frame;

an image formation portion that comprises a scan converting means that converts for converting the number of scanning lines of an ultrasonic image data of the ultrasonic image data or the retransmitted frame, and forms an ultrasonic image by the scan converting means; and

a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.

16. (Currently amended) A remote ultrasonic diagnostic system in which the remote ultrasonic diagnostic subject-side apparatus according to Claim 14 and a remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus are connected via a communication line, the remote ultrasonic diagnostic examiner-side apparatus comprising:

a communication line interface that receives an image data that is transmitted via a communication line, and requests for requesting a communication line interface of the subject-side apparatus to retransmit a frame to be reproduced and retransmits retransmitting the frame via the communication line, every time after freezing when moving a pointer that designates for designating the frame to be reproduced from a cine memory that sequentially stores an ultrasonic signal received by an ultrasonic wave transmission/reception portion of the subject-side apparatus per each frame;

an image formation portion that comprises a scan converting means that converts for converting the number of scanning lines of an ultrasonic image data of the ultrasonic image data or the retransmitted frame, and forms an ultrasonic image by the scan converting means; and

a displaying means that displays for displaying the ultrasonic image that is formed by the image formation portion.